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Students named 2004 Advanced Placement Scholars

MADISON— State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster congratulated Christine M. Chu of Marshfield High School and Roshan Hariharan of University School, Milwaukee, for being named Wisconsin's 2004 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars.

"The performance of these two students on the AP exams is truly admirable," said Burmaster. "We congratulate them on this well-deserved honor. Advanced Placement coursework is a key indicator of academic motivation and achievement, and these students have succeeded at a very high level."

This is the 14th year that the College Board's Advanced Placement program has made AP Scholar Awards, presented to the male and female student in each state who earn grades of three or higher on the greatest number of AP exams, and the highest average grade on all AP exams taken.

The AP program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the end-of-course AP exams. Scores of three, four, or five on AP exams generally are considered passing and worthy of credit at many universities.

In 2004, more than 912,000 high school students in secondary schools nationwide took more than 1.5 million AP exams. In Wisconsin, 17,768 students took 27,984 AP exams last year, with about 68 percent of students earning a grade of three or higher.

Hariharan and Chu were among 102 students nationwide to receive AP State Scholar awards.

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